

Essential Fish Habitat - Top 5 points to remember:

1. There are many authorities in MSA that allow Councils to use habitat conservation as a tool to achieve sustainable fisheries.
2. Essential fish habitat conservation is a mandatory provision of MSA.
3. Fishery management councils can engage in the consultation process to promote the protection of EFH from non-fishing impacts.
4. Habitat Areas of Particular Concern should be used to prioritize areas in need of conservation.
5. MSA includes a discretionary authority to protect deep-sea coral habitats from fishing impacts.